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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 March 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3 p.m.	96th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo [167]

Committees

RESUMED FIFTH COMMITTEE
(First part)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

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Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 1999/56 (PART II)).

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Human resources management: Gratis personnel (A/53/715, A/53/847, A/C.5/53/54 and A/53/417/Add.1))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development account and utilization of the development dividend (A/52/1009, A/53/7/Add.1, A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4, A/C.5/53/30, A/53/664 and A/C.5/53/40))

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573 and Add.1, A/53/7/Add.7, A/53/829 and A/53/662 and Corr.1))

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 March 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

RESUMED FIFTH COMMITTEE
(First part)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 March 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

95th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 95th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/57 (Part I)).

Committees

RESUMED FIFTH COMMITTEE
(First part) 53rd meeting

Pattern of conferences [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Documents A/53/826, A/53/827 and A/53/833

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States (A/53/826) and the report of the Secretary-General on improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/53/827), and that it decide to transmit the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of economy measures on the delivery of mandated conference services (A/53/833) to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for consideration in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, taking into account the views expressed by Member States (A/C.5/53/SR. 52).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Document A/53/11/Add.1 and Corr.1

Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq and the Republic of Korea.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it decide that (a) the failure of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, and Georgia to pay the amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond their control and that, accordingly, they should be permitted to vote until 30 June 1999 and that any extension requested should be subject to review by the Committee on Contributions; (b) the failure of the Republic of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras and Nicaragua to pay the amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond their control and that, accordingly, they should be permitted to vote until 30 June 2000 and that any extension requested should be subject to review by the Committee on Contributions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Other matters

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services made a statement and replied to questions posed at the 46th, 47th, 48th and 50th meetings held on 8, 9, 11 and 16 March 1999, respectively.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Portugal, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba and Poland.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services responded to questions posed.

Organization of work

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

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